

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the references cited in applicant's Information Disclosure Statements dated November 16, 2000 and January 15, 2004 and providing an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging his claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.


Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. It is respectfully submitted that this response addresses the formal matters identified by the Examiner. Specifically, the specification at pages 11, 13 and 16 and claim 38 have been amended to overcome the informalities noted by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Washington D.C. telephone number 202-293-7060 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Response Under Ex Parte Quayle Practice
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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